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REVIEWS OF RECENT LITERATURE.

ANTHROPOLOGY.

Report of the Smithsonian Institution.¹—The report for 1896 contains an account of the “Pueblo Ruins” near Winslow, Arizona, by Dr. J. Walter Fewkes. The exploration of these ruins brought to light a large number of specimens of great interest and value, several of which are depicted in the accompanying illustrations. The character of these plates is noteworthy; they represent the art motives and the symbolism of the ancient Hopi rather than the colors and general appearance of the objects. The small but well-made specimens of turquoise mosaic figured in this paper suggest the more elaborate turquoise-covered objects from ancient Mexico. The chief interest in these investigations arises from their bearing upon the migration legends of the Hopi; we cannot but believe that the examination of the numerous skeletons collected would supplement and enhance the value of Dr. Fewkes’s conclusions.

A second paper of anthropological interest is by Professor Hermann Meyer upon the “Bows and Arrows of Central Brazil.” This is announced to be an introduction to a larger treatise in preparation. The author based his work upon the ethnographic material contained in the museums of Northern Europe, and deplors the well-known difficulties in the way of ascertaining the exact place of origin of such specimens. A number of illustrations and a map of the central portion of the continent show the distribution of the several types of bows and arrows found in that region. As a preliminary paper this is suggestive and helpful, but with such scanty data the author’s deductions regarding the ethnographic character of the Mato Grosso peoples would seem to be liable to considerable modification as the investigation proceeds.

Report of the Anthropological Work in the State Institution for Feeble-Minded Children.²—This paper of nearly a hundred

¹ *Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, 1896.* Washington, Government Printing Office, 1898.

² *Forty-Eighth Annual Report of the Managers of the Syracuse State Institution for Feeble-Minded Children, for the year 1898.* Supplement by Dr. Ales Hrdlička. Syracuse, N. Y., State Printers.